Again, in His inscrutable weaving of the threads of
destiny of nations, Merciful Providence had ordained India
to be the political Prayag of the world—the sacred spot of
the congruent confluence of the mighty world currents of
East and West—of the joy and the strength that come of
sl lasting, vital harmony of intellect and will, knowledge and
power. A vaster and more comprehensive synthesis than
had hitherto been realised—had hitherto been perhaps
possible—had to be attempted in the present century; a
reverent garnering of ((the wisdom of the East and the
West " for the peace of the world; a holy combination of
politician and reformer, sage and prophet of truth and *ahimsa,*
love and goodness. Besides, Mother India, felt her servi-
tude under an alien government, and groaned for political
and economic independence. At the heaven-ordained psy-
chological epoch, Mahatma Gandhi appeared in the political,
social and religious arena with his versatile and varied activi-
ties, as the hero of a hundred fights, emancipated her from
the foreign yoke, espoused the cause and ameliorated the
conditions of the oppressed and depressed *Harijans,* gathering

them to his bosom in the spirit of Buddha and ultimately
laid down his own precious life in the accomplishment of
his divinely-ordained mission of bringing about communal
unity between the Hindus and the Muslims of India. The
top-most mountain-peak cannot approach the height of
this towering spiritual genius; the lowest depths of the
great main cannot fathom the profound experiences of this
heaven-inebriated son of God. All glory to Him for having
vouchsafed to India this thrice blessed soul! May his
emancipated spirit rest in eternal peace in the Bosom of the
Divine Mother! We do also trust that through all
eternity will endure and abide in Him that emanation of His
own Holy Spirit which took form and dwelt amidst us in the
saintly career of our venerated Mahatma !
May the Mahatma's